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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITO, MAKOTO**

Serial No.: 09/476,334

Filed: **January 3, 2000**

FOR. **DATA COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit: **2161**

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Examiner: **John W. Hayes**



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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 31, 2001**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

72. (Twice Amended) A data copyright management method comprising:
encrypting unencrypted copyrighted data using a first secret-key;
supplying the encrypted data to a primary user;
decrypting the encrypted data using said first secret-key;
displaying the decrypted data;
re-encrypting said decrypted data using a second secret-key;
storing, copying or transferring said re-encrypted data and not said decrypted data;
editing said decrypted data to produce unencrypted edited data;